

**Soci 1301-007 Introductory Sociology**  
**CRN 1293**  
**University of Texas at El Paso**  
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**MW 1:30-2:50**  
**COTT 201**

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**Assigned Readings:**

- **Free EBook:** *Introduction to Sociology 3e* through OpenStax:  
<https://openstax.org/details/books/introduction-sociology-3e>

**Course Objectives:** The main objective of this course is to introduce you to the sociological perspective and thinking critically about society. This will be accomplished through studying social theory and research on groups and social processes, social inequalities, and social institutions. We will apply these concepts to understand the world around us.

**Grading:**

- **30%** = Three on-line exams, each exam is 10% (will be administered through Blackboard)
- **10%**= Paper Draft (details on Blackboard)
- **15%** = Final Paper (details on Blackboard)
- **15%**= Weekly on-line quizzes on Blackboard
- **20%** = In-class writing assignments
  - These will be spaced throughout the semester; you must be in class to receive credit, no make ups. One assignment will be dropped at the end of the semester. If you complete all the assignments, the extra one will count as additional points.
- **5%** = In-class presentation of paper topic
- **5%** = Reviews of classmates presentations

- Various opportunities for extra credit will be made available throughout the semester. These will be posted on Blackboard and will count toward your in-class writing assignment grade.

The course will be graded on a standard scale: 90+ =A, 80-89 =B, 70-79 =C, 60-69 =D, 59 and below is an F.

**\*Please note that several assignments will be due on Blackboard and I will give you feedback on that document in Blackboard. You are responsible for checking your Blackboard regularly. \***

**Exams:** Exam questions are multiple-choice and will be administered on Blackboard.

**Attendance:** I highly encourage you to attend all class sessions, but will not be taking attendance. I value your attendance in class and regular attendance will improve your performance on the exams because you will be tested on information in the text **and** information provided during my lectures. You will also miss points from any in-class writing assignments. If you have to miss class, I recommend that you borrow the class notes from a classmate. The professor and teaching assistant will not provide class notes to students.

**Blackboard:** You can access this course's Blackboard site through your my.utep.edu portal (use your email address and password to sign in). Blackboard offers a discussion board that students can use to ask questions of each other. It is also possible to email the professor, teaching assistant, and other students in the class through the Blackboard email. As a requirement of this class, you must regularly check your Blackboard for this class. This is where I will send all class announcements, post any readings and extra credit opportunities, and send personal messages to students. The syllabus and any supplementary course materials will be posted here, along with your grades after each exam and assignment.

**Quizzes:** You are required to take an on-line quiz for each chapter that we read, available on Blackboard. Quizzes are due each Friday by 11:59pm Mountain Time. Late quizzes are only allowed if there is an outstanding emergency.

**Drop Policy:** I will NOT drop students from the course. If a student chooses to drop the course, it is the student's responsibility to do so. Failure to do so will result in a grade of "F" for the course.

**Classroom Conduct:** Unprofessional behavior (e.g., texting, sleeping, talking, using Facebook, internet surfing, and disrespectful words or actions toward others) will not be tolerated. Students who arrive late or need to leave early should sit near the door to minimize class disruptions. All cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off. If a student is acting unprofessionally, he/she will be required to leave class for the day. Permission is required to have guests attend class with you. Unauthorized guests will be asked to leave.

**Making up work:** Make up work is acceptable only if I receive written documentation, prior to the absence, if it is a valid excuse. If you have an emergency and cannot contact me prior, contact me within 48 hours of your missed test. Religious observers and student competitors also need to inform me of absences.

**Academic Integrity:** This course is based on the principle of academic integrity. Students are responsible for their own academic behavior, and for making themselves fully aware of UTEP's policies. Academic dishonesty is prohibited and is considered a violation of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures. It includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating may involve copying from or providing information to another student and possessing unauthorized materials during a test. Plagiarism occurs when someone intentionally or knowingly represents the words or ideas of another person's as ones' own. And, collusion involves collaborating with another person to commit any academically dishonest act. Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Violations will be taken seriously and will be referred to the Dean of Students' Office for disciplinary action. In addition to receiving a failing grade in the class, the student may be suspended or expelled from UTEP for such actions. Further information can be gained from the UTEP Dean of Students' web page. Go to <http://www.utep.edu/dos/>, then click the "Student Conduct" tab on the top.

**Disability:** Any student with a disability that may prevent her/him from fully demonstrating her/his abilities should contact me as soon as possible to discuss accommodations necessary to ensure full participation and facilitate educational opportunity. If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to [cass@utep.edu](mailto:cass@utep.edu), or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at [www.sa.utep.edu/cass](http://www.sa.utep.edu/cass). This should be done within the first 2 weeks of classes.

**Late Work:** Any assignments turned in late will be deducted 5% off per day.

**Course Schedule (Subject to Change)**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	Aug 22-26	Introduction to Sociology	Chapter 1 <b>Aug 26 Ch 1 Quiz</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	Sept 5-7	Culture	Chapter 3 <b>Sept 7 Ch 3 Quiz</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	Sept 5  Sept 6-9	<b>NO CLASS—LABOR DAY</b>  Socialization	  Chapter 5 <b>Sept 9 Ch 5 Quiz</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	Sept 12-16	Groups and Organization	Chapter 6 <b>Sept 16 Ch 6 Quiz</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	Sept 19-23	Deviance & Social Control	Chapter 7 <b>Sept 23 Ch 7 Quiz</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	Sept 26-30	Social Stratification	<b>Sept 26 TEST ONE</b> Chapter 9 <b>Sept 30 Ch 9 Quiz</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	Oct 3-7	Race	Chapter 11 <b>Oct 7 Ch 11 Quiz</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	Oct 10-14	Gender, Sex, & Sexuality	Chapter 12 <b>Oct 14 Ch 12 Quiz</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	Oct 17-21	Gender cont'd  Family	Chapter 12 Chapter 14 <b>Oct 21 Ch 14 Quiz</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	Oct 24-28	Education	<b>Oct 24 TEST TWO</b> Chapter 16
<b>Week 11</b>	Oct 31-Nov 4	Education cont'd	Chapter 16 <b>Nov 4 Ch 16 Quiz</b>
<b>Week 12</b>	Nov 7-11	Government and Politics	<b>Nov 9 PAPER DRAFT DUE</b> Chapter 17 <b>Nov 11 Ch 17 Quiz</b>

<b>Week 13</b>	Nov 14-18	Work and Economy	Chapter 18 <b>Nov 18 Ch 18 Quiz</b>
<b>Week 14</b>	Nov 21-23  Nov 25	Class Presentations  <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	  <b>NO CLASS</b>
<b>Week 15</b>	Nov 28-Dec 1	Class Presentations	<b>Nov 30 FINAL PAPER DUE</b>
<b>Finals</b>	Dec 7		<b>TEST THREE</b>